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THE FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION JAKARTA FROM SURABAYA DTD  
12 DEC IS RPTD:

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SURABAYA 0602

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEW DEPUTY GOVERNOR FOR EAST JAVAD

JAKARTA FOR APPROVAL AND ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO SECSTATE AND MEDAN

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. LOCAL PRESS DECEMBER 6 CARRIED STORY THAT  
POLICE COL. H. SOEDARSONO, BUPATI OF SIDOARJDO, EAST JAVA, HAS  
COMPLETED HIS SECOND TOUR OF DUTY AS BUPATI. SOURCES OF INFORMATION  
WAS LETTER OF INSTRUCTION FROM MINISTER OF INTERIOR, AMIR MACHMUD.  
IN A SECOND LETTER, MACHMUD APPOINTED SOEDARSONO AS ACTING BUPATI  
UNTIL A REPLACEMENT CAN BE NAMED. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. A RELIABLE INFORMANT HAS TOLD CONOFF  
THAT SOEDARSONO WILL BE APPOINTED AS DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF EAST JAA  
SOON. THERE HAS BEEN NO DEPUTY GOVERNOR IN EAST JAVA SINCE THE  
REGULATION ESTABLISHING SUCH A POSITION WAS PROMULGATED IN 1970.  
AT THAT TIME THE REGULATION WAS QUALIFIED BY A STATEMENT THAT THE  
APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY GOVERNOR WOULD DEPEND ON LOCAL CONDITIONS.  
IF, INDEED, POSITION IS TO BE FILLED, DECISION TO DO SO AT THIS  
TIME MAY BE INFLUENCED BY APPROACHING EXPIRATION OF GOVERNOR  
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NOER'S TERM OF OFFICE. TERM IS SCHEDULED TO END IN JANUARY 1976,

AND NOER HAS TOLD CONOFFS HE EXPECTS TO RETIRE AT THAT TIME.  
DECISION MAY ALSO RESULT FROM NEED TO REWARD SOEDARSONO FOR WHAT  
IS WIDELY AGREED TO BE OUTSTANDING TENURE AS BUPATI IN SIDOARDJO.  
WITH KNOWN AND TRUSTED INDIVIDUAL IN PLACE AS DEPUTY GOVERNOR,  
SETTLING ON REPLACEMENT FOR POPULAR CIVILIAN GOVERNER NOER WOULD  
NOT NEED TO BE HURRIED. LOCAL RUMOR MILL INDICATES RACE TO  
REPLACE NOER AS GOVERNOR MAY BECOME REAL DONNEYBROOK AS VARIOUS  
CANDIDATES VIE TO BECOME GOVERNOR OF ONE OF INDONESIA'S RICHEST  
PROVINCES.

3. SOEDARSONO HAS BEEN BUPATI OF SIDOARDJO FOR TEN YEARS. HIS  
TERM IN OFFICE HAS BEEN MARKED BY RAPID AND VISIBLE PROGRESS SIN THE  
KABUPATEN WHICH HAS BEEN HELPED BY CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SURABAYA  
AND LOCATION ON VITAL MALANG-SURABAYA HIGHWAY, INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR  
OF THE PROVINCE. HE IS REGARDED AS A CAPABLE, EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

AND HAS AVOIDED SCANDAL; HE IS BELIEVED TO BE RELATIVELY FREE FROM  
CORRUPTION. SOEDARSONO IS AMONG THOSE NOMINATED FOR CONSIDERATION  
IN EMBASSY JAKARTA'S INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM IN FY-75.

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